

Town of Fairhaven

Broadband Study Committee

Fairhaven Broadband Study Committee Mission:

The mission of the Fairhaven Broadband Study Committee is to provide continuity between past committee work and the Municipal Light Plant Board which will be formed at a future date. This will include initiatives to advance the planning and evaluation for a potential deployment of an open access fiber network which is owned by the residents of Fairhaven

(- The Broadband Study Committee shall be charged with the following:

- Town Meeting Preparation
- Coordination with Mass Broadband Institute regarding grant opportunities
- Execution of the Community Compact Cabinet Grant project
- Updates of the Broadband Master Plan
- What to do about the website and future management thereof
- Community Engagement
- Write an RFP for Open Access Partner
- RFP for full build out

The committee shall be comprised of seven (7) individuals as follows;

1. Selectmen Representative (appointed by the Board)
2. Member of the Economic Development Committee (appointed by the committee)
3. Member of the Cable Advisory Committee (appointed by the committee)
4. Town Administrator appointee (to understand potential impact on Town Staffing (Direct or third-party coordination)
5. Three At-Large Members from the community
 - a. Desirable qualifications for At-Large Members would be
 - i. Technical Knowledge of the subject
 - ii. Knowledge of Finance
 - iii. Knowledge of Project Management
6. Two Non-Voting Associate Members
 - a. In the event that there is no quorum of the 7 full voting members, associate members may act as voting members for the purposes of quorum for that meeting. The alternate member(s) will be chosen by seniority in service as alternate members on the committee

Terms shall be one year, reappointed annually. If a newly appointed member or alternate member does not get sworn in within 3 months of appointment, they will no longer be a member of the committee. Members shall not have more than 6 absences in a calendar year or they may be removed from the committee.

This is an Ad hoc committee and will serve until the work of the committee is completed as determined by the Board of Selectmen after which the committee will be disbanded.

- Adopted by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 17, 2018.
- Amended by vote of the Board of Selectmen on February 27, 2019 to change the name from Municipal Fiber Study Committee to Broadband Study Committee.
- Amended by vote of the Select Board on September 19, 2022 to include Associate members.